

## **WEST LAFAYETTE POLICE MERIT COMMISSION MINUTES**

### **March 5, 2014**

The West Lafayette Police Merit Commission met in special session in the West Lafayette Public Library in the Walnut Room at 1:00 pm on March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

Commission President Shafer called the meeting to order and presided.

**PRESENT:** Commission President Shafer, Commissioners Corrigan and Troyer.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Commission Attorney Brooks, Chief Dombkowski and Deputy Chief Leroux. Allie Hastings from The Exponent was also in attendance.

**ABSENT:** Commissioner No and Commissioner Kirkpatrick

Commission President Shafer called the meeting to order.

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Commissioner Troyer asked for approval of the minutes of the January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 regular meeting. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Corrigan. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Commission President Shafer proposed that the sentence in the West Lafayette Police Merit Commission Promotion Rules – Section C Article V under Eligibility List which states “No names may be added to the eligibility list during the two (2) year period.”

To change the wording in the Rules the proposal has to be posted publicly before the vote would take place. Chief Dombkowski and Commissioner Corrigan discussed the fairness of the change to the rules.

Commission President Shafer proposed that a motion be made for dates following current Merit Commission Regulations, to set up dates for interviews for those that have taken the April 2013 promotional test in order to certify the list and present it to the chief. A motion was made by Commissioner Troyer and it was seconded by Commissioner Corrigan. The Merit Commission decided upon dates to interview officers for 7:00pm Monday, March 10 for Lieutenant and Captain. Interview for Sergeants will be Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the training room at WLPD. After the next round of testing, board interviews will be conducted for all passing officers. A vote at the next meeting will be taken relative to the deletion of West Lafayette Police Merit Commission Promotion Rules – Section C Article V under Eligibility List which states “No names may be added to the eligibility list during the two (2) year period.”

Chief Dombkowski discussed the fact that there would be an opening for Captain in the near future. Chief Dombkowski would like the candidates to be available as soon as possible.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Commission President Shafer asked for a motion regarding interviews of the three current new hire candidates from the last round of testing. Commissioner Corrigan made a motion that the Merit Commission to not conduct interviews of the current candidates with Commissioner Troyer seconding that motion. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

### **Chief's Report**

Chief Dombkowski passed out the Chief's Report. He discussed the proactive patrol work by Officer Ferguson which resulted in the arrest of a suspect on A-Felony methamphetamine charges. A routine traffic stop on the newly annexed US 231 led to this arrest.

Detective Adam Miller has been selected to fill the department's open K9 officer position. Tippecanoe County Prosecutor Pat Harrington graciously agreed to purchase a new K9 for WLPD with funds from his office. The new K9 replaces the retired 11-year old K9.

Chief Dombkowski discussed the recent move of City Hall into the police department building.

Commissioner Troyer moved that the meeting be adjourned and Commissioner Corrigan seconded it. It was passed by a unanimous voice vote.

The next meeting will be held on March 10, 2014 at 6:30pm in the WLPD training room.

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Dr. Song No, Secretary

Attest:

  

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Tom Shafer, President